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CPP READ HEAD FOR HIGH DENSITY AND SHIELD NOISE SUPPRESSION

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- U.S. Patent 6,515,573 to Dong et al., "Method and System for Providing Edge-Junction TMR Utilizing a Hard Magnet as a Pinned Layer," describes a small free layer resulting in reduced noise.
- U.S. Patent 6,473,279 to Smith et al., "In-Stack Single-Domain Stabilization of Free Layers for CIP and CPP Spin-Valve or Tunnel-Valve Read Heads," discusses noise in the free layer.
- U.S. Patent 6,469,879 to Redon et al., "Magneto-Resistive Tunnel Junction Head with Biasing Elements Abutting Free Layer Extended Portions," discloses that noise occurs if the free layer is too thin.
- U.S. Patent 5,959,811 to Richardson, "Magnetoresistive Transducer with Four-Lead Contact," discloses noise current in the leads.
- U.S. Patent 5,784,224 to Rottmayer et al., "Compact Read/Write Head Having Biased GMR Element," teaches a configuration to reduce noise in the read signal.

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